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CONNECTIONIST'S NEW JUDGES.

When Governor Baldwin elevated Justice Samuel O. Prentiss to the position of chief justice of the supreme court of errors of Connecticut, he carried out a duty which he could hardly well avoid. Justice Prentiss was in line for the promotion in accordance with the custom which has prevailed in the filling of the vacancy of chief justice, namely, the lowest service in any among the associate justices, and it was the same qualification which made Governor Baldwin the chief justice of the same court when he succeeded Chief Justice Torrance. It was within his power to have selected another, but his action has firmly established a precedent regardless of any partisan feeling and it is especially an office for which partisanship should have no qualification. In his choice the governor has chosen a worthy successor to the late Frederick B. Hall, and again eastern Connecticut is honored by the selection. In making his other judicial selections Governor Baldwin had a long legal experience and thorough acquaintance with the requirements for the important office of judge which doubtless proved valuable. Justice Beach and Judges Tuttle and Webb are all equipped by valuable experience for the handling of the duties of their office. That they are democrats does not interfere with their becoming excellent judges, but in common with many others who have received similar appointments, however active partisans they may have been, it is the signal for lessened activity in that direction.

PROF. FISHER'S RESIGNATION.

For some time Prof. W. C. Fisher has been giving publicity to both Wesleyan and Middlebury in a manner which showed him a man of much independence, as professors often are and have a right to be. As long as he confined himself to politics there was no interference on the part of the university with his public participation. He has taken a positive and aggressive stand in all matters which he became interested in, so much so that he gained widespread publicity therefrom. He is no ordinary partisan. When he addressed a Hartford audience on Sunday recreation and favored closing the churches for a time as an experiment upon the effect it would have on religion he went to a limit which the university could not stand and which he realized when he said he "was free enough from prejudice to see clearly that a college with the history and constituency of Wesleyan was not the place for a man who held his views."

It was not so much the views of Prof. Fisher which resulted in his resignation being asked for, as it was the manner in which he expressed them. His aggressive attitude reflected on the university through his professorship and tolerance of it would have occasioned more surprise than his resignation. Of it all, however, a pleasing feature is the harmonious manner in which the ties have been severed. It may be a lesson to the professor.

SAVING THE CHILDREN.

In assuming her new position Miss Julia Lathrop in charge of the government's bureau for the welfare of children makes an interesting statement when she declares that the proper registration of births throughout the country would result in the saving of 150,000 babies each year. This of course does not mean that the mere registration would accomplish this wonderful rescue work, but it would follow from such procedure that a greater number of children would be reached and through the aid which could be given the infant mortality would be reduced. It is through the registration that the work of aiding the ignorant parents can be systematically done, for otherwise these agencies of civilization which are working to cut down the excessive death rate and give better health conditions in the home are deprived of an important part of their aid of operation. With the forces ready to work and doing their part to give the babies the advantages of scientific care by overcoming the ignorance which otherwise might exist in the crowded tenement districts, all greater benefits can be accomplished by the cooperation which the prompt registration gives. Magnificent results have been attained by the instructions which have been given concerning the care of children during the early years and at all seasons and whatever will aid in extending them should be encouraged. Certainly the saving of 150,000 lives is worth the effort.

RAILROAD FIREMEN.

Trouble on the railroad systems of the east, of a similar nature to that threatened several months ago by the engineers is now underway by the firemen who seek a betterment of the conditions under which they are working. The railroads admit that there should be an adjustment in the pay of the firemen, but that with both sides working along similar lines it should simply be a matter of getting together on an agreement. In that regard the example of the engineers offers fair precedent. Arbitration should be fair means be resorted to, in fairness, before there should be any step towards a strike, and arbitration makes its appeal to both sides, but the difficulty lies on the side of the arbitration board and whether it shall be by the firemen or on the plan adopted in the engineers' case. On the latter the board is the larger, the fireman act requiring three men. There are advantages which the latter plan offers over the plan in the fireman act. It cannot be argued that the engineers' case was not thoroughly handled and considerably handled. The interests of all were looked after and in the finding the concessions made to the engineers dated back to the time when the demands were made. The tying up of the railroad systems is of vital importance to the people of the east. It would mean all kinds of suffering and hardships, as the trouble on the small road in Maine has given ample evidence, and in the sparing for advantage, which the failure to agree on the number for an arbitration board amounts to, consideration should be given to this fact.

THE TIPPING SYSTEM.

Salesmen, more than others perhaps, know the value of the tipping system, as carried out so extensively in hotels, on railroads or wherever it is permitted to be practiced upon the public. It is not surprising, therefore, when a cigar salesman declares he has given away \$13,000 in tips during his experience of twenty years. It was his toll to avoid delay and the price of receiving attention which he otherwise paid for. Referring to the practice as an "extreme, un-American custom, which began as an occasional reward for worthy service" the New York Herald declares it has "become a Frankenstein monster and should be classified as one of the many varieties of 'hold-up'." As we read the table of necessary tips furnished by the cigar salesman we cannot help reading also, between the lines, what would happen if the tips were not forthcoming. His sample trunks would either miss the train or suffer serious injury; the "front" would be dealt to the sound of his bell; the barber would mistake an ear for a whisker, and the suit of clothes would be mislaid on the way to the presser. "On the strength of the representations made by this traveling salesman an attempt will be made to pass an anti-tipping law, making it illegal to give or receive a tip in the state of Illinois. It is not easy to see how such a law could be enforced."

The regulation of the tipping system should have no qualification. In his choice the governor has chosen a worthy successor to the late Frederick B. Hall, and again eastern Connecticut is honored by the selection.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Governor Baldwin is out to win, but he must prove his charges.

All the Young Turks seem to be anxious to fill the office of minister of war.

General Sickles the hero of Gettysburg is anything but a hero in his own family.

Deadlocks are slow things. Illinois has been waiting all the month to inaugurate its new governor.

With every legislator paying his own fare it is the dollar bill which will receive full attention at Hartford.

Robins haven't appeared, but Massachusetts farmers are plowing, which is about as unusual for this time of year.

Castro is patiently waiting for the word, but must have become reconciled to the fact that large bodies move slowly.

The English suffragettes have resumed their advertising campaign. There is such a thing as overdoing a good thing.

If it is not to be public, Mr. Wilson is right in declaring there will be no "exclusive" reception on inauguration night.

Happy thought for today: The milliners are not impressed by the idea of women concentrating their thoughts on balloons instead of bonnets.

Keeping out of the reach of the law and Wall Street seems to be General Sickles' great difficulty, but he may yet make a Gettysburg finish.

The possibility of making weather forecasts a year ahead of time doesn't interest the public half as much as accuracy for the next day's weather.

The only haste concerning the bill by Senator McNeil for the revision of that million dollar appropriation to New London should be in connection with its defeat.

A Baltimore young man shot a girl who had asked him jokingly to fight a "duel" with her. It is time that the careless handling of "unloaded" firearms stopped.

Chicago statisticians have a new interest in futures. The number of crimes twenty-four hours in advance can be figured by striking an average for the month past.

The Connecticut legislature should resent any such attempt to defeat the development of its only available ocean port by using it as a lever to overthrow the highway commissioner.

Whatever effect the government's order on the shipment of frozen California fruit may have on the supply, it is better to have a small quantity of good fruit than the entire yield of poor fruit.

The peace negotiations before the house of commons being unsuccessful the English suffragettes lost no time in resuming hostilities. Could such actions be rightfully interpreted as their attitude should they ever figure on the losing side of an election?

The position of Thorpe, the athlete, deserves little sympathy. It cannot be possible that he has followed athletics for so many years and not known what constitutes an amateur, regardless of how trifling the difference is. Sports above all should be on the level.

ORTON'S ORDERS.

It was, of course, a very foolish thing to write a letter of acceptance to the main on the part of the railroad system. The foolish thing was in writing the letter, and the foolish thing was in thinking of the expression that would come to Orton's face if he should read it.

Then she tucked it into the flap of her lap desk and on her last remaining sheet composed the letter in which she sought to make her refusal as easy as possible.

It is no easy thing to make a pen and ink refusal, but the heart cries "yes" and the rest of the party was ready to start for the woods before she had completed it.

Of course she could not say that it was her stepmother's order and that she was obedient to her command, and not the answer of her heart. She could only hope that he would see how the matter stood and understand that she had not been flirting with him through those long weeks before Marquand and his money had appeared upon the scene and had been pleased to bestow his attentions upon her.

Until then Mrs. Appleton had regarded Jack Orton with favor. He had money, not much, but enough for two, with excellent prospects, but he could not hope to compete with Marquand. And Mrs. Appleton wondered why Aline should be so stubborn as to continue to care for Orton.

There had been one scene after another, usually terminating in Mrs. Appleton's hysterics, and at last the girl's will had been broken down and the negative she had given to Orton was signed to paper and intrusted to Billy, who promised faithfully to take it to Orton's room and place it on his table.

Billy was perfectly honest in his intentions, but just as he was scampering through the hall the door opened and she had an apple turnover for him and, tucking the note in his pocket, he turned his attention to the turnover.

It was perhaps an hour after that that Orton, coming back from the post office, found Billy on the front piazza playing train. He was the conductor and the other children were passengers. Billy had a punch used for progressive euchre games and was collecting tickets with an enjoyment dashed only by the fact that he had no engineer to whom he could signal.

He was supremely contemptuous of girls and declined to allow either of his three fair passengers to act in that capacity.

It was with evident joy that he halted Orton's advent and started him in the front chair with earnest injunctions to run the train carefully and to stop in case the emergency signal was given from the bell rope. Billy had ridden much on the branch line that summer, and he had followed Burton, the single conductor, about until he had learned all about his workings.

Jack Orton entered upon the performance of his duty with a solemnity becoming in the engineer of the flyer, and if he discovered an unheard-of number of cows upon the track it was all a part of the game.

"They pulled into the next stop seven minutes ahead of the schedule, and Billy came running up to compliment his engineer."

"Take her a little slow when we pull out," he commanded, with an odd imitation of his mother's manner. "I've got a train load of foolish women and they get scared when you run so fast. Get your feet under you."

"I thought," laughed Orton, "that the conductor got the orders." Billy blushed apologetically. "Guess I forgot," he confessed. "I'll run over to the telegraph office."

The "telegraph office" was the nearest open window, but the operator was shamefully supplied with stationery.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

Dead Books.

One day I climbed the hill near Subiaco, which is the mountain of Italy, not remote from Rome. There I visited an old monastery and a brother showed me the library, where I was allowed to browse as long as I pleased. There were hundreds of books, beautifully bound in vellum, which I had written by hand upon parchment.

I came away rather sad. I had dug into the books, and the dust had been written at great pains by men under serious impulses. Lives had been poured into those books. And now while the volumes themselves would be priceless for a collector, the ideas in them were as dry and useless as the dead leaves in the monastery courtyard.

The subjects discussed interest nobody any more. Even the manner of reasoning is entirely worthless. Not a living soul, except an antiquary, if such have living souls, would read one of the books through.

I wonder if ten centuries from now, the books which today thrill us will seem as wormy and tomb-like. Dead men in the past have lived with the brevity of life; how much more dead books!

Life to be Done Over and Over.

"We are always beginning again to live—Nous recommençons toujours à vivre," wrote Montaigne.

Who does not feel this? Today has never been quite the same as yesterday. The things here, and overrid matters there, and altogether the whole trial sketch, an outline and attempt at life merely. Tomorrow we shall do better.

And tomorrow in our faulty hands (turns into another imperfect day). Life is not a long thing measured by years; it is a short thing only a day long.

Every day we try to make of it something worth while. Then at night we go back into death again to gain force for another effort. So we keep it over and over, as the lens-maker polishes his glass with infinite rubs of his thumb.

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JEWELERS

national thing. Jim Thorpe took money for playing ball. That is no crime. But it spoiled his amateur standing and his amateur claim after that was a lie. It was made monstrous by his wonderful powers and the way it has involved us in international complications.—Waterbury American.

Judge Platt's death may mean a considerable change about in federal court circles in this district and the new broom may reach some of the dust laden corners of the court which have not encouraged those who are brought in sight of its portals—the bankruptcy court for instance.—Waterbury Republican.

The New Haven road is surely justified in declining to give the law makers of this state bargain rates for traveling over its lines. On general principles any set of men who seriously oppose to foot the public treasury to the tune of \$300 for fourteen reporters deserve little sympathy and no favors. They are just as dishonest as any lobby that ever went to Hartford.—Middletown Sun.

Amateur virtue is a purely conventional thing.

Experts are examining Waterbury's municipal bookkeeping. Each city department is being investigated by an expert in that particular line of work. And meanwhile, city officials up and down are trying to appear natural.—Ansonia Sentinel.

The law compelling thirty-eight weeks of schooling may be changed to read forty weeks, if a bill now before the legislature passes. No one believes that the law should not be changed. The children have enough school as it is.—Meriden Journal.

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